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REVIEW OF THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMISSION

Mr. Bengoa, Mr. Bossuyt, Mr. Boutkevitch, Ms. Chavez, Mrs. Daes,
Mr. El-Hajjé, Mr. Fan, Mr. Fix Zamudio, Mrs. Forero Ucros, Mr. Guissé
Mr. Hatano, Mr. Hakim, Mr. Lindgren Alves, Mr. Maxim, Ms. Palley
Mr. Ramadhane, Ms. Warzazi and Mr. Yimer: draft resolution

Strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights

The Sub-Commission on Prevention of Discrimination and Protection of Minorities,

Recalling all relevant General Assembly resolutions,

Considering that the promotion of universal respect for and observance of human rights and fundamental freedoms is one of the basic purposes of the Charter of the United Nations and an issue of the utmost importance for the Organization,

Acknowledging the increasing attention given to the activities undertaken by the United Nations system in the field of human rights,

Recalling that the Secretary-General, in his report on the work of the Organization for 1992 (A/47/1), stated, inter alia, that the Charter of the United Nations placed the promotion of human rights as one of the priority objectives, along with promoting development and preserving international peace and security, an approach which he was also applying in his proposals for the biennium 1994-1995,

Emphasizing the important role of the Centre for Human Rights as a coordinating unit within the United Nations system in the promotion, protection and implementation of human rights and the need to provide it with sufficient human and financial resources, particularly in view of the fact that its workload has dramatically increased while resources have failed to keep pace with the expansion of its responsibilities,

Welcoming the fact that the World Conference on Human Rights made recommendations for securing the necessary financial and other resources for United Nations activities in the field of human rights,

1. Requests the Secretary-General to enhance the role and importance of the Centre for Human Rights as a coordinating unit within the United Nations system with respect to human rights;

2. Welcomes the efforts of the Secretary-General, encourages him to continue to implement measures to improve the efficiency and effectiveness of the Centre for Human Rights;

3. Also welcomes the significant achievements made by the Centre for Human Rights which contributed in no small measure to various breakthroughs realized by the United Nations in certain conflicts around the globe;

4. Requests the Secretary-General to ensure that sufficient financial, human and other resources are accorded to the Centre for Human Rights to enable it to undertake all its functions, in full and on time;

5. Also requests the Secretary-General and the competent United Nations bodies to implement, as appropriate and as a matter of urgency, the relevant recommendations which the World Conference on Human Rights made with regard to securing the necessary financial and other resources for the strengthening of the Centre for Human Rights;

6. Decides to consider the question again at its forty-seventh session.